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Inventor: David Johnston Lynch
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Title: RATINGS CONTROL SYSTEM WITH TEMPORARY
OVERRIDE CAPABILITY AND STORE-RECALL FEATURE
Examiner: Jason J. Chung
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. The Preliminary Amendment responds to the Final Office Action dated April 22, 2005, having a shortened statutory period of three months for response ending July 22, 2005. The following amendments and comments are submitted, and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

The Applicant submits that in view of the attached Certificate of Mailing and concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination this response is timely.

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